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Examiner: Ortiz Crizdo, Jorge L.

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Norikazu Takasaka et al.)

Serial No. : 09/940,349)

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For : OPTICAL DISC DEVICE)

AMENDMENT**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.